



In re Application of:
Application No.
Filed:
For:

Kyle LEMONS et al.
09/551,930
April 19, 2000
**PLATFORM-INDEPENDENT EXCEPTIONS-
BASED METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
REMOTELY MANAGING NODES WITHIN A
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination and fee are being filed herewith.

The Final Office Action for this application was issued September 16, 2004, setting a three-month period for response which expired on December 16, 2004, absent an extension of time. On January 18, 2005, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal with a request and fee for a one month extension of time extending the period for response to January 18, 2005 (January 16th falling on Saturday and January 17th falling on a holiday). An Appeal Brief was therefore due by March 18, 2005, absent an extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination with a request and fee for a four months extension of time extending the period for response to July 18, 2005 is filed herewith in lieu of an Appeal Brief. Accordingly, this application is pending today, and the Request for Continued Examination and this Amendment are timely filed.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendment and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.